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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7749

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC CO (CACACE, DOLAND)
SUBJECT: W/W CASE: CACACE FAMILY

REF: BOGOTA 3483

1. AT CACACE'S REQUEST CONSUL GENERAL APRIL 28 SENT HIM A LETTER
SUMMARIZING CASE TO DATE. COPY BEING POUCHED SCS.

2. LETTER STATED (A) THAT CACACE HAS EXPRESSED FEAR FOR
SAFETY OF HIMSELF AND MOTHER; (B) THAT HE HAS SET DOWN WHAT
HE DESCRIBES AS A LONG SERIES OF HARASSMENTS, APPARENTLY
DESIGNED TO DRIVE THEM FROM PROPERTY NEAR SANTA MARTA ; (C)
THAT CACACE HOLDS COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS, SPECIFICALLY MEMBERS
OF THE DAS AND F-2, RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ACTIONS; (D) THAT
ON MARCH 29 COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS REQUESTED
TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION OF THESE CHARGES.

3. CACACE HAS APPOINTMENT NEXT WEEK WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL

4. CACACE ALSO ASKED FOR STATEMENT IN WRITING WHAT THE
EMBASSY WAS ABLE TO DO FOR HIM. THE PERTINENT PORTIONS OF
OUR LETTER FOLLOWS QUOTE: AS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED TO YOU
ORALLY SEVERAL TIMES, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR PERSONAL
SAFETY RESTS WITH THE COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES. WHEN YOU
IMMIGRATED TO COLOMBIA AND PLACED YOURSELF IN COLOMBIAN
JURISDICTION, YOU ENTRUSTED YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY TO THE
COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES. WHILE THE EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO
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INSURE THAT YOU ARE GIVEN EVERY PROTECTION POSSIBLE, I MUST
INFORM YOU THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL BE MAINLY TO TRY TO ENSURE
THAT THE PROPER COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES TAKE THE ACTIONS
THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDER COLOMBIAN LAW.
HOWEVER, SINCE YOU HAVE MADE DIRECT CHARGES AGAINST THE
COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES, WHO ARE CHARGED WITH PROVIDING SUCH
SAFETY, THE EMBASSY HAS RASIED THIS MATTER DIRECTLY WITH THE

PROCURADOR GENERAL, THE HIGHEST RANKING LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICIAL IN COLOMBIA. UNQUOTE.

5. CACACE ALSO ASKED TO BE INFORMED IN WRITING AS TO WHAT
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HE COULD RECEIVE TO RETURN TO U.S.
REPATRIATION PROCESS, AND ITS LIMITATIONS DISCUSSED. HE
WAS TOLD, THAT THERE WERE NO U.S. FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SHIP
HIS FIVE DOGS TO THE U.S. OR TO PAY FOR COLOMBIAN PROPERTY
AND INCOME TAXES. WE STATED WE WOULD INVESTIGATE THE
POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A COLOMBIAN EXIT PERMIT WITHOUT
SETTLEMENT OF HIS TAX DEBTS.

6. FYI: EMBASSY UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED PERMISSION MAY
WELL BE FORTHCOMING TO FACILITATE HIS RETURN TO U.S.
CACACE WILL BE OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST REPATRIATION
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